



**Mission Statement: To support individual liberties and opportunities guaranteed in the United States Constitution by electing Republican candidates for office locally, statewide and nationally.**  
**Mason County Republican Executive Committee**

October 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes MCREC

Chair Susan Boes called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in Sutton's Landing Pavilion in Ludington. Due to another group arriving to share the pavilion it was decided to relocate to an outside picnic area nearby. Susan then resumed the meeting by asking John Beckett to lead us in the Invocation. Derrek Wilson led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mason County Clerk Cheryl Kelly, Mason County Treasurer Andrew Kmetz, Commissioner Gary Castonia, Jim Bachelder, Chair Sue Boes, Treasurer John Kreinbrink, Undersheriff Derrek Wilson, Lyla McClelland, Tim Muldoon, Secretary Rebecca Robinson, Charles Robinson, John Beckett and Heather Vandervest. Absent with excuse: Dick Boes, Vice Chair D. Wayne Kelly, Diane Vanderwall. Visitors: Laura Burget, Cameron Bruneau (O'Malley group), Kris Struve, Avis Seibold, Lauren Kreinbrink, Leah Larsen, Cindy and Ken Muzzo, Jim and Jody Thwhites and Jordon Ritzema ( Huizenga group).

Minutes for the September 10th meeting were presented by Rebecca Robinson. One correction was noted. Commissioner Gary Castonia was in attendance but the record omitted his name. Minutes will be corrected and re-sent with meeting reminder next month. Jim Bachelder made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Derrek Wilson supported. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer John Kreinbrink presented his report. Jim Bachelder made the motion to approve the report as presented. Derrek Wilson supported. Treasurer's Report was approved.

Susan Boes received Communication from Commissioner Janet Anderson regarding a letter she received from Michigan DHS to announce the recent revised restrictions ordered by Governor Whitmer. She read the letter aloud.

#### Reports:

Congressman Huizenga's office has been very busy with mobilizing volunteers to GOTV. Jordon Ritzema briefed us on his campaign.

Representative Jack O'Malley sent Cameron Bruneau to update us on his campaign activities. Commissioner Gary Castonia shared some news about development of the Wolverine Building. Sheriff Cole is out of town so Derrek Wilson shared recent events happening in his department.

#### Old Business:

GOP Headquarters has been very active. Over 1200 Trump signs have been distributed so far. We need more people to take shifts. The calendar is here for interested volunteers to sign up.

Event Chair Lyla McClelland submitted the final report for our Fall Event held Sunday September 27th. Despite the Covid we had a great turnout with 57 actual attendees. Senator VanderWall did a great job as Master of Ceremony with several candidates agreeing to speak. Lincoln Hills Club was the caterer and the food was excellent.

Our Highway Cleanup was completed by 12 volunteers on September 29th.

#### New Business:

Election is less than a month away and Lyla McClelland plans to open her home for a watch party on the evening of Nov 3rd. If you would like to join the party let her know and bring a snack and your own drink. Campaign support for our candidates was discussed. Jim Bachelder made the motion to donate \$1000 to Jack O'Malley campaign. Very important election. Tim Muldoon supported. We all agreed and the motion passed. Shop with a Cop has been recommended as our choice for Christmas season charity to support. Jim Bachelder made the motion to donate \$300 toward this charity. Tim Muldoon supported. The motion approved. Sue Boes will present the check to the Ludington Police Department who is the office collecting and distributing the monies. If you would like to donate at our next meeting we can collect and make sure it gets to them by the deadline. You can make checks to the Ludington Police Department and mail or drop off there also.

Mason County Cheryl Kelly was asked to share information about the elections coming up especially early voting and absentee ballots. She says the ballots need to be handed to the township clerk and not taken to the polling location for voting prior to November 3rd.

Lauren Kreinbrink will be our new Prosecuting Attorney for Mason County starting in January. She reports that now they are experiencing a backlog of cases due to Covid. For example trials in person will not resume until 2 more weeks.

This meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting will be November 12th at 6:30 but the location will be announced with meeting reminder.

RR: November 10, 2020

